Aircrafts owned by IRCON

1103. SHRI AMAR SINGH:

SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of aircrafts owned by the Indian Railway Construction Company (IRCON) and how much annual expenditure is incurred thereon including its maintenance, etc.

(b) the purpose for which these aircrafts were purchaseed; and

(c) how many times these airccrafts were used by Ministers during the previous years, together with the details of each of tour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) One aircraft; average annual expenditure for last five years is Rs. 225.96 lakhs.

(b) For undertaking urgent journeys by Minister and Senior officers of the Minister of Railways, in emergencies like accidents, natural calamities, etc.

(c) The details are given in the Annexure. [*See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 31]

Erection of Barbed-wire Fencing on Jammu to Pathankot Raiway Line

†1104.SHRI SWARAJ KAUSHAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to erect barbed-wire fencing on both sides of the ralway line from Jammu to Pathankot, keeping in view the increasing terrorist incidents on rail lines in the border areas adjoining Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount estimated to be spent on this work; and

(d) by when this work is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH): (a) to (c) State Govt. of Jammu & Kashmir had asked Railways to examine possibility of providing fencing on both sides of Railway track from Jammu to Ghagwal for security reasons. Proposal to provide this fencing at estimated cost of Rs. 12.90 crores has been sent to J & K Government for their acceptance.

(d) work will be taken after it is sancctioned by J & K Government and necessary funds provided by them.

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